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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

1. EPMG RELEASED AND AMNESTIED 55 POLITICAL PRISONERS AFTER-NOON SEPT 11, MOST OF THEM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DURING FORMER REGIME, ACCORDING EPMG SPOKESMAN AS REPORTED BY MEDIA, PRISONERS WERE AMNESTIED ON OCCASION OF FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF REVOLUTION (BEING CELEBRATED HERE SEPT 13). TIMING ACTUALLY CAME ON EVE OF ETHIOPIAN NEW YEAR.

2. PRISONERS, TWO OF THEM WOMEN, WERE BRIEFED ON AIMS OF REVOLUTION BY CAPT. KASSAYE ARAGAW, CHAIRMAN OF PRISONERS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC) WHO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THEY WILL SERVE THEIR COUNTRY WITH LOYALTY, GOODWILL AND DEDICATION." FORMER FONMIN DR. MENASSIE HAILE SPOKE FOR GROUP IN EXPRESSING HAPPINESS ON BEING RELEASED AND WITH COUNTRY'S ACHIEVEMENTS OVER LAST YEAR. HE ALSO THANKED EPMG FOR "HUMANE TREATMENT EXTENDED TO THEM WHILE IN DETENTION."

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3. LIST OF PRISONERS RELEASED WILL BE SENT SEPTEL.

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